

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 15, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.